**Writing Homework:**

Writers make important decisions about what to stretch out and what to shrink. Usually, the most important parts get stretched out and the less important parts are shrunken.

Writers can find sentences that were written with few words and stretch it out to be longer. One way to do this is to make a movie in your mind and imagine all of the tiny actions that you would do if you were the character.

Here’s an example.

I got out of bed. 🡪 I opened my eyes, looked at my alarm clock, and sat up quickly. I reached my hands over my head to stretch. I swung my left leg over the side of the bed and then my right leg. My feet moved around on the floor until they found my slippers. I stood up out of the bed.

*(Do you see how I tried to think of each tiny thing I would do as I got out of bed? One sentence was exploded into 5 sentences!)*

**Tonight your homework is to explode at least 5 sentences. You may use some (or all) of the examples I’ve listed below or you may make up your own.** Your exploded sentences should be longer, with lots of bit-by-bit tiny actions, like my example above. **Use my example as a mentor text.**

Some POSSIBLE sentences to explode:

* I got ready for school.
* I unpacked my bag.
* I got on my bike.
* I ate a snack.
* I cleaned my room.